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FROM PLANT CUTICULAR AND )  
EPICUTICULAR MATERIAL )  
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AMENDMENT "A"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on August 22, 2001 (hereinafter, the "Official Action"), having a period for response extended to December 22, 2001 by the enclosed petition for extension of time to file in the first month and the requisite small entity extension fee of \$55, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 5, 8 and 9 as follows:

5. (Amended) A method for producing a preparation possessing antiviral activity comprising substances obtained from cuticular or epicuticular layers of a plant or plant part, the method comprising:

a) exposing the plant or plant part to a solvent under conditions sufficient to solubilize materials in the cuticular and epicuticular layers of the plant, while leaving cells and tissues internal to the epidermis substantially unaffected; and